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SUBJECT: ROME PROSECUTOR SEEKS PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL OF
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OF 40 MSI LEGISLATORS

1. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT PROSECUTOR GENERAL OF ROME APPEALS COURT WILL SHORTLY REQUEST PERMISSION FROM PARLIAMENT TO OPEN A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AGAINST 40 FAR RIGHT MSI PARLIAMENTARIANS ON THE CHARGE OF ATTEMPTING TO RECONSTITUTE THE FASCIST PARTY. PROSECUTOR'S REQUEST STEMS FROM JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION OF MSI BEGUN IN 1971 AND COVERING PERIOD 1969-72 WHICH RESULTED IN LIFTING OF PARLIAMENTARY IMMUNITY OF MSI SECRETARY ALMIRANTE IN MID-1973.

2. LACK OF PROGRESS IN ALMIRANTE CASE AND PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES IN SUCH A WIDE RANGING INVESTIGATION MAKE CHANCES OF CRIMINAL SANCTIONS AGAINST MSI LEADERS INVOLVED REMOTE IN NEAR TERM. NOR IS INVESTIGATION LIKELY SERIOUSLY TO JEOPARDIZE LEGAL STATUS OF MSI PARTY ITSELF, SINCE ONLY ULTRA LEFT FRINGE GROUPS NOW SUPPORT OUTLAWING ITALIAN SOCIAL MOVEMENT. VOLPE

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